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# DELPHINIUMS HARDY PLANTS ROSES

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William C. Duckham  
Madison, N. J.

IDEAL PLANTINGS  
HARDY PLANTS  
ROSES

not small  
Duckworth

William C. Duckworth  
New York

# Season 1931



NEW year—a new catalogue goes to press to acquaint the great American flower-loving public with the progressive strides that I have made in the propagation and distribution of my now famous strains of Herbaceous Perennial Plants and Roses.

It is with modest pride that I look back upon the records of the past year. My "Inimitable" Hybrid Delphiniums have again won new friends and new and greater honors all over the country. The New York Horticultural Society awarded them a gold medal at their mid-summer show, thus duplicating (for two years in succession), in a very appropriate manner, their opinion of them, formed a few years back. (See pp. 5 to 10.)

My list of Roses has again been revised to include some of the newest gems from both Europe and America. A concise list such as mine should make selections easy, as practically all colors known to Roses are included in my list.



DELPHINIUM  
Duckham's Hybrid



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## WILLIAM C. DUCKHAM

Madison New Jersey



*Duckham's Delphiniums in Famous Gardens.*





*My Gold Medal Exhibit—New York—1930*

## *Helpful Hints on growing Delphiniums*

- ¶ Delphiniums like a well-drained clayey soil, deeply dug, heavily fertilized with rotten manure.
- ¶ Prepare the soil weeks before planting; leave it in the rough after spading in the manure; this gives it a chance to settle and permits manure to mix thoroughly.
- ¶ Spade over a second time before planting, and choose a clear dry day for planting. Don't plant in low-lying damp ground.
- ¶ In choosing a site for your border, select one with a Southern aspect, sheltered from the north by wall, hedge fence or shrubbery.
- ¶ Unpack the plants immediately on arrival; keep away from cellar or boiler heat. Plant temporarily or cover with mats outside until ready to plant.
- ¶ Plant at least 3 feet away from other plants in border—preferably in back row. Make hole wide enough to accommodate roots spread out.
- ¶ Hold the plant so the crown is level with the surface of bed, spread roots, pack earth between and over them. Place a stout 5 foot stake in hole to tie and protect the growing shoots later.
- ¶ Plant as early in the Spring as possible—when soil is in workable, pliable form. Plant in the Fall from Sept. 15th to Nov. 15th. Either season is good with proper attention to planting details.
- ¶ Apply any good artificial fertilizer at periods of a few weeks during Summer. Water regularly and often. Cut away old (first) flower spike after bloom for a second crop.
- ¶ Spray regularly with "Black Leaf 40" (one teaspoonful to one gallon of soap water) to prevent or check attacks of Black Spot and Insects.

# Choice Hardy Perennials

## FROM IMPORTED STOCKS

**I**T HAS been my privilege and great good fortune to secure the exclusive American distribution of a few extra choice types of Hardy Flowers, from some of my European friends.

Delphiniums of course are my specialty. (See pp. 5 to 10.)

Some remarkably fine Aquilegias (Columbines) have come into my possession, and I venture to say that nothing heretofore offered can compare with the exquisitely odd colors found among these hybrids, all of which are the true English, long spurred types with huge flowers.

My hybrid Gaillardias offered further on, should command your special attention. These are very large with petals of great substance, closely set and brilliantly pigmented with red and brown,—a remarkable contrast with the golden yellow tips.

Again I offer some choice Perennial Lupines (Polyphyllus). These have been warmly acclaimed by the English Hort. Soc. and suitably granted awards in recognition of their superb size and extraordinary colors.

All the other Hardy Plants in my list are of high standard, secured from sources of National reputation and the liberal field clumps which I send out will undoubtedly give immediate and prolific flower production to the general satisfaction of the buyer.



GOLD MEDAL

*A special award from New York Hort. Soc. International Show, and numerous awards elsewhere.*

## NOVELTIES and SPECIALTIES

### AQUILEGIA

#### New English Improved Long-spurred

With their odd shapes and delightful shadings, Aquilegias (Columbines) are among the best of all Hardy Garden Plants. They thrive in almost any



*English Long-Spurred Aquilegias*

location, but prefer a partial shady and moist position. The kinds offered in this strain are perhaps the best and most beautiful in existence, having very long spurs and most charming delicate colors, including **Pink, Blue and Lavender, Red, Cream and White**, that are decidedly new and interesting.

Price, each 50c; 3 for \$1.25; per dozen \$4.50.

### ASTER

(New Hardy Michaelmas Daisies)

#### DUCKHAM'S "CELESTIAL QUEENS."

A vigorous, well-branched Michaelmas Daisy of medium growth, that simply covers itself with a cloak of thickly massed, lavender-blue flowers. The individual flowers average 1½ to 2 inches in diameter and form very large flower heads. A splendid and most desirable color for the fall garden or for cutting. Each \$1.00; 6 for \$5.00.

**BARR'S PINK.** A lovely light mallow pink with stiff petals and a brilliant golden center, growing from 3 to 4 feet high. Each \$1.00.

*Great Neck, Long Island, March 18, 1929.*

*"Am sending an order for a few plants I would like to have and I hope these plants will all be as nice as those you sent me last year. My roses were just beautiful."*

## DUCKHAM'S NOVELTIES AND SPECIALTIES—Cont'd



*Aster, Celestial Queen*

### ASTER—Continued

**NEW HYBRID YELLOW ASTER.** Quite a new departure in color; a clear yellow shade, rather small flowers gracefully arranged in large, long-stemmed trusses. Each \$1.00.

**BRITISH QUEEN.** A soft lavender blue, semi-double, unusually large open flowers with pale yellow center. A vigorous growing well branched plant that comes into bloom early in September. Height about 4 feet. Excellent for cutting and decorations. Price, each \$1.00.

### GAILLARDIA

**DUCKHAM'S NEW HYBRIDS (Blanket Flower).** The Gaillardias are among the most successful of hardy perennials and give a most striking effect when planted in bold groups or in a bed by themselves. They are equally effective, however, in mixed borders. They seem to thrive in the most extreme drought and the greater scarcity of other flowers the more the utility of this hardy perennial is demonstrated. They will bloom perpetually from June to November. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.25; doz. \$4.50.

### NEW GYPSOPHILA

**BRISTOL FAIRY.** Its flowers are almost three times as large as the old *Paniculata*, are pure snow-white under all conditions. Strong field-grown plants \$1.50 each; \$15 per doz.

### PYRETHRUM

(Painted or Persian Daisy)

**DUCKHAM'S NEW HYBRIDS.** For profusion of flowers in season nothing can surpass the charming variety of the Pyrethrums. They are easily and simply cultivated and are recommended to all who possess an old-fashioned garden, whether large or small. They are perfectly hardy, are not injured by storm or sun. The flowers are bright and showy in the garden and are borne on long stiff stems which make them most desirable for vase decoration. The mixed varieties I offer are especially rich in the charming pink shades. 2 to 3 ft. May-September. Each 40c; per doz. \$3.75.



*New Hybrid Pyrethrums*

"This will acknowledge receipt of my order. Wish to state that they arrived in good condition."

New York, N. Y.



# New Types

of amazing size and infinitely more  
beautiful colors are presented in

## Duckham's Delphiniums

The latest productions in Giant Delphiniums from my famous Madison Gardens (to use the terms applied by many experts who saw them in bloom last summer) are "amazing"—"bewildering"—"phenomenal." Such exclamations are no mere "word gestures." The same expressions come to me in letters from all over the States from those who have bought my Delphiniums. The original English strains imported by me have been acclimated and improved by expert cultivation and hybridizing. Their size,



Here is a Particularly  
Fine Spike of My  
"Wrexham Type"

vigor and uncommon colors are inbred by me in a thoroughbred stock, kept pure by careful "rogueing." The highest awards that Horticultural judges can give, have been heaped upon them at leading shows in recent years, including gold medals at New York Show, America's greatest flower show. No Hardy Flower Border is complete without them. A few of these beautiful spikes are reproduced in natural colors on the next three pages, accompanied by the story of "Duckham's Delphiniums."



Special Medal from  
Westchester Hort. Soc. 1927



Gold Medal  
New York 1929-1930

Pearisburg, Va.,  
"I have received the Delphiniums and certainly thank you for these fine plants."

# GLORIOUS DELPHINIUMS



It is eight years since I first introduced these treasures of English Origin to the American gardening public. It was at the great New York Spring Flower Show of 1923, when a few specially forced plants for the occasion, first drew the attention and admiration of a great flower-loving throng, causing them to gasp in joyous amazement at the wonderful coloring and fine formation of the flowers.

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*The color plates on this and following pages are actual colored photographic reproductions of my own flowers, without retouching or exaggeration.*

# GLORIOUS DELPHINIUMS



It was the first time that anyone had attempted to force Hybrid Delphiniums (Larkspurs) into bloom for show purposes (March 18th or 20th), but it afforded me the only opportunity of demonstrating to the patrons of this greatest of all American Flower Shows, the unusual merits of these hybrids, and though they do not attain their maximum height  
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*Howard Beach, L. I.*  
"Just received the plants. They are beautifully strong, healthy plants."



# GLORIOUS DELPHINIUMS



and vigor when forced in this manner, everyone who saw them unanimously agreed that nothing so beautiful and wonderful had ever been their good fortune to behold, a verdict which was appropriately backed up by the Horticultural Committee in awarding them a Special Gold Medal, a compliment which they repeated last year, 1930.

Since that occasion, my Delphiniums have secured noteworthy recognition.  
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*Locust Valley, L. I.*  
"The delphiniums you sent were wonderful plants and are doing nicely."



# GLORIOUS DELPHINIUMS

dition from judges at shows all over the country, while professional gardeners, landscape architects and critical amateurs, being quick to grasp their true worth, immediately replaced their old types with

**"DUCKHAM STRAINS."** In every state in the Union, my Delphiniums now form conspicuous colonies in the gardens of estates famed for their beauty.

It is possible that those who bought from me in these early years could duplicate their orders now, yet not receive one that is identical with any of those—my first releases. I am continuously in touch with my original English sources, importing seed saved from their latest selections, and consequently the strains I am now distributing show many novel shades and forms that are decided improvements.

The spikes are of huge proportions, standing five and six feet high on "walking cane" stems.

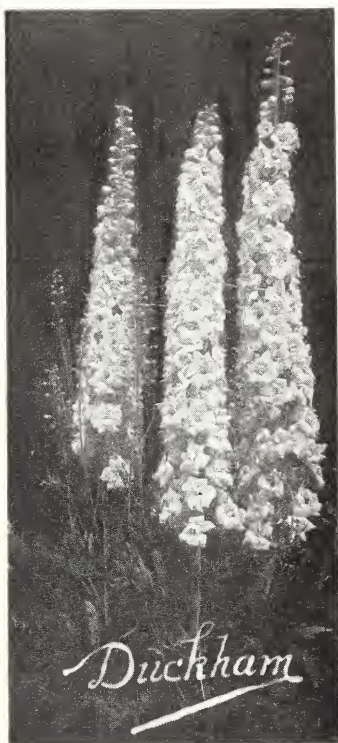
Some of these are broad at the base, tapering to a fine point. Others are columnar, like five or six hyacinth spikes joined end to end. Again some spikes are compact, with the individual florets touching and overlapping, while others have a more open formation, so graceful in the estimation of connoisseurs.

The flowers are quite double in some spikes, showing distinctly two rows of petals—others are semi-double, while there are quite a number of the single-flowered sorts also, exhibiting special individual charms.

The colors cover the complete range from deepest Indigo Blue and Violet to the faintest Lavenders, Mauves and Peach-cheek hues, almost bordering on true pink. And the flowers are not confined to one or two shades. We find deep blue with white and a brown "bee" (center of flower); violet purple, purple and light blue with black "bee"; lavender, pink, light blue and yellow "bee" and a host of other four-tone effects, all in the one flower.

Such combinations are unusual; it is such combinations that have made my Delphiniums famous—unusually famous,—it is such combinations that have pronounced them **"Wonders of the Wily Ways of Wizards"** in plant hybridization.

Although these Hybrids comprise many new types and delicate colors, all are extremely hardy, and well-established clumps in the border provide, year after year, wonderful spikes of majestic size and great beauty. They are also very desirable for cutting for indoor decoration, lending a delightful tone to mixed flower gatherings, harmonizing extremely well with yellow and orange colored flowers, particularly the deeper blues, violets and purples.



*Three huge spikes (of the typical tapering Wrexham strain) on one plant.*



*Award from Newport, R. I. Hort. Soc. 1928.*

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*"The Delphiniums ordered November 11th came. All seemed in good condition."*

*Jacksonville, Fla.*



*One of my Hardy Borders in the center aisle, N. Y. International Spring Flower Show. Delphiniums were the chief feature, but the delighted patrons of the show, marvelled at the excellence of the entire stock, forced into bloom for this great occasion. This exhibit was unanimously awarded a special Gold Medal.*

## Prices of Duckham's Un-named MIXED DELPHINIUMS

**REGULAR GRADE.** This covers the entire color range from Mauve and Lavender to deep Blue and Violet.

Price, per dozen, \$11.00; per 100, \$85.00.

## SELECTED TYPES AND COLORS

Where personal selection is made by a customer in my fields during the Summer, I charge according to the merit of each plant selected. For those who cannot visit my grounds, but who desire some of these extra choice types, I have already put aside some of these and offer them as:

### SUPER-HYBRIDS

Price, Each \$2.50; \$5.00 and \$7.50 and up

All the above are field grown clumps, thoroughly acclimated, hardy and will bloom profusely this year.

DUCKHAM'S  
INIMITABLE MIXED  
DELPHINIUM SEED  
Saved Only from Choicest Varieties  
(Cultural Directions Enclosed  
with Each Order)  
PER PKT., \$2.00

PREVENT DELPHINIUM BLIGHT  
The following mixture is very effective.  
1 teaspoonful of Black Leaf 40 to one gallon  
of soap water (any kind of soap water will  
do—its action is only a "spreader"). Spray  
frequently and thoroughly with above.

*"Enclosed find snapshot taken June 14th. These two spikes of light blue and mauve measured twenty-five inches long and about four inches in diameter and were admired by hundreds of tourists, in fact my whole garden of perennials planted from your stock last October was the admiration of all who have seen it."*

*Little Switzerland, N. C.*





*Duckham's Delphiniums in a famous garden. Note comparative height of man and flower spikes (for description and prices see opposite page).*

## GENERAL LIST OF HARDY PLANTS

Varieties marked with a star (★) are suitable for Rock Gardens; most of them can also be used for bordering walks, driveways, or as edgings to beds and borders of other Herbaceous Plants.

**ACONITUM Fischeri** (Monkshood). A very attractive, erect, hardy perennial, with odd-shaped blue and white flowers in autumn. Not unlike the Delphiniums in general effect, but of course not nearly so large. Particularly good in shady borders. June to August. Price, each 40c; dozen \$4.00.

**ACONITUM Napellus** (Bicolor). This is one of the tallest and finest of the Aconites, and a fine subject to group among the rear plants in the border. Grows 4 feet high with huge spikes of blue and white flowers. June to August. Price, each 40c; dozen \$4.00.

**ACHILLEA Ptarmica** "The Pearl" (Millfoil or Yarrow). Indispensable in every border both for their graceful appearance and usefulness for indoor decoration. Flowers are pure white and literally smother

the foliage in their great profusion. 2 ft. June-September. Price, each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**ALYSSUM** (Madwort). Pretty little plants for beds, vases, baskets, edgings, or rockwork, blooming profusely like a sheet of gold. Useful also for winter flowering in pots. Very sweetly scented. 1 ft. May, June. Price, each 25c; dozen \$2.50.

**ALLWOODI** (Everblooming Hardy Pinks). This new race of the Dianthus family flowers perpetually during the entire spring, summer and autumn. No plant is hardier or of easier cultivation, and their free-flowering qualities have rendered them exceedingly popular. They range through many shades of light, medium and dark pink and crimson, and all are deliciously fragrant. Mixed, 35c each; \$3.50 per doz.

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*Mount Holly, N. J.*  
 "The Delphinium plants I ordered came today in good shape and are now planted. They were fine plants and I will be glad to send your check covering them on receipt of bill."

**ANCHUSA Italica, Dropmore Variety.**

A large spreading bushy plant, requiring plenty of room to develop its great beauty. This variety is a great acquisition and improvement on the old type and of extremely vigorous constitution. Its flowers are of deepest blue, borne in immense sprays. 4 to 5 ft. May-July. Price, each 30c; 3 for 65c.

**Myosotidiflora.** New. Produces graceful panicles of bright blue flowers resembling the forget-me-not. April-May. Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00.

**ANTHEMIS Tinctoria.** Better known as the hardy Marguerite. Thrives in almost any soil without much attention. Deep golden yellow, daisy-like flowers; ideal for decorative purposes. 1½ to 2 ft. June to September. Price, each 35c; 3 for 80c; dozen \$3.00.

**ARABIS Alpina (Rock Cress).** An excellent dwarf plant for rockwork, borders or carpeting where massed color effect is desired, covered during its blossoming season with myriads of snow-white flowers. 6 in.; Mar.-June. Price, each 25c; 3 for 65c; dozen \$2.50.



Boltonia



Anthemis

**ARTEMISIA Lactiflora.** A tall-growing plant of fine foliage and heads of small white flowers in August and September, which fill the garden with fragrance. A splendid and graceful cut flower. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.35; dozen \$5.00.

**ASCLEPIAS Tuberosa (Butterflyweed).** Flowers bright orange yellow followed by conspicuous seed vessels. 2-3 ft. July-August. Each 50c; doz. \$5.00.

**ASTERS, Hardy.** (Michaelmas Daisies) The many species, widely distinct from each other in habit and form, are with a few exceptions, all native of North America. It is in Europe, however, that our Asters have been most highly appreciated. Many improvements have been made by European growers, and many hybrid forms have been produced by crossing the different species. 2 to 3 ft. September-October. (For New Hardy Asters, See Page 3.) Three shades: Pink, Blue or White; each 50c; 3 for \$1.25; doz. \$4.50.

**ASTILBE Arendsi Hybrids.** Handsome plants and while they are naturally suited for a moist, half shady position, they may be equally successfully grown in any garden border if given rich soil. The new Arendsi Hybrids are strikingly beautiful if planted in masses. They all flower in June-July. (Varieties on next page.)

"The Delphiniums were fine and I got a glimpse of what they will be like from small spikes. Some day I want more."

Monmouth, Ill.,



**ASTILBES**—Continued

Price of following: 75c each; 3 for \$2.00

**America.** Lilac.

**Amethyst.** Deep violet purple.

**Grandis Rosea Magnifica.** Creamy white, pink center.

**Juno.** Violet-rose.

**Kreimhilde.** Salmon-rose.

**Peach Blossom.** Soft pink. 3 ft.

**Pink Pearl.** The small, delicate pink, pearl-like flowers are borne in dense panicles. 3 ft.

**Rhineland.** Bright crimson, shaded salmon.

**Salland.** Fine red flowers on long stems. A decorative novelty. \$1.00 each, \$2.25 per 3; \$8.50 per doz.

**Vesta.** Tall growers, lilac-rose flowers.

★**BELLIS perennis.** (Hardy English Daisy.) An ideal plant for borders, but most effective when massed as a carpeting or edging. 4 to 8 in. April to June.

**Monstrosa.** A monster variety—the largest of all with flowers 1½ inches in diameter, of deep rose-pink shade.

**Tubulosa.** New and distinct. Double white flowers of a peculiar quilled formation. Any of the above, 25c each; 65c for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

**BOLTONIA Latisquama.** Flowers resemble large white daisies or single asters and are borne in great profusion. 4 to 6 ft. July to October. Price, each 45c; 3 for \$1.00; doz. \$3.50.

**BUDDLEIA Variabilis Veitchiana.** (Summer Lilac or Butterfly Bush.) In mild climates this is really a hardy shrub, but it may also be classed as herbaceous. Each Spring it throws out vigorous growths that develop all Summer to terminate in August and September in tapering spikes of a beautiful lavender-mauve shade. Give it plenty of room, for in itself it is a perfect model of exquisite form and color. If it does not die to the ground in Winter, cut it back hard each Spring. 3-5 ft. August to October. Price, Strong roots, each 75c; 3 for \$1.50.

**CAMPANULA.** A very important class of plants, varying in height from 6 inches to 6 feet, all of extreme beauty and easy cultivation.

★**Carpatica.** (True Harebell.) 9 in. July. Dwarf spikes of blue flowers. Excellent for edgings and massing 35 cts. each; \$3.75 per dozen.

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The Graceful "Butterfly Bush" (Buddleia)

Bridgeport, Conn.

"I enclose herewith check for plants, which arrived Saturday noon in good condition. They sure look healthy and hope they will make as good a showing as you are able to produce."

*Dianthus Plumarius***CAMPANULA—Cont'd**

**Medium.** (Canterbury Bells.) 2 ft. June, July. Old-fashioned, well-known, yet indispensable in every hardy plant border. Offered in: Double Rose, Single Blue, Deep Violet, Double Blue. Price, 65c for 3; \$2.50 per dozen.

**Persicifolia.** (Peach-leaved Campanula.) 2 to 3 ft. June and July. Broad, single, purple, bell-shaped flowers arranged along a tall flower-spike. One of the most desirable border plants. 3 for \$1.00; dozen \$3.00.

**Persicifolia Alba,** white. Each 35c; dozen \$3.00.

**Pyramidalis.** (Chimney Bellflower.) 5 to 6 ft. August, September. Throws up huge stems, covered three-quarters of their length with blue flowers. 40c each; \$1.00 for 3.

**Pyramidalis Alba.** Pure white flowers. 40c each; \$1.00 for 3.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM Maximum** (Hardy Daisy).

**King Edward VII.** Pure white, one of the largest and best. Flowers of fine form. It thrives almost anywhere, and provides continuously, during its season, quantities of blooms for indoor decoration. 2 to 3 ft. June to August. Each, 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**COREOPSIS** (Tickseed). One of the most popular hardy plants. The flowers are a rich golden yellow of a beautiful, graceful form and bloom from June to October. 2 ft.

**Grandiflora.** Large orange-yellow flowers on long, graceful stems. About the best yellow cutflower blooming incessantly. 2 ft. Price, each 25c; 3 for 65c; dozen \$2.50.

**DELPHINIUM.** See pp. 5 to 10.**\*DIANTHUS alpinus** (Alpine Pink).

One thinks of alpinists in terms of vivid colors and clinging loveliness, and this most glorious of all alpine pinks justifies the thoughts. From May to July there is nothing more delicately spectacular than the pink suns, toothed at the edge, spread out upon the rich masses of shiny green leaves. 2 to 4 in. At home in a rocky crevice, though not too particular. Price, 50c each; \$5.00 dozen.

**\*Deltoides** (Maiden pink). Dwarf. Beautiful pink flowers, fine for edging.

**\*Mrs. Sinkins.** The genuine, old fashioned, Double White, English Border Pink, popular in the borders of Earls and roadside hamlets; flowers from May until frost. Splendid for edgings and rock gardens. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00; dozen \$3.50.

**\*Plumarius Hybrids.** The old-fashioned Clove scented Pinks. Colors from white to deep rose with beautiful fringed petals. Very fragrant. 1 ft. June. Price, Any of the above except where noted, each 25c; 3 for 65c; doz. \$2.50.

**DICENTRA Spectabilis** (Dielytra, Bleeding Heart). A very popular old-fashioned hardy border plant with beautiful foliage and long, drooping sprays of pretty pink, heart-shaped blooms. 1½ ft. May, June. 80 cts. each; \$8.00 per doz.

**DIGITALIS** (Foxglove). The tall flower-spikes of the foxglove are particularly handsome when grown among shrubbery or naturalized in odd places in bold masses. 3 to 4 ft. July-August.

**Spotted Varieties, Alba (White), Gloxiniaeflora and The Shirley.** Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

New York, N. Y., May 10, 1929.

"Many thanks for the delphiniums which arrived some time ago. They are coming along fine."

**\*GEUM** (Avens). A very desirable class for borders or Rock Garden. The flower spikes stand boldly over the rather prostrate, deep green foliage. 12 to 18 in. June-September.

**Mrs. Bradshaw.** Brilliant double orange-scarlet flowers; blooms fully throughout the summer, being especially desirable for cutting both for its attractive color and lasting qualities. Each 35c; 3 for 85c.

**Lady Stratheden.** New, fine double yellow of same type as Mrs. Bradshaw. Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**Orange Queen.** A brilliant orange-scarlet. Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**GYSOPHILA** *Paniculata* (Baby's Breath). A very valuable perennial because of its light, graceful form and the charm it adds to mixed bouquets of other flowers. The blooms are small, borne in great quantities in loose white panicles. Will grow and thrive in almost any soil. 2 to 3 ft. July-August. Price, each 35c; doz. \$3.75.

**HELENIUM** (Sneezewort). Showy autumn flowers of great value for garden display in bold masses, and effective when cut. 3 to 4 ft. August, September.

**Riverton Beauty.** Long stemmed, brownish crimson flowers; a very popular Autumn flower.

**Riverton Gem.** A great profusion of bronzy-orange flowers. Either of the above, each 40c; 3 for \$1.00.

**\*HELIANTHEMUM** *macranthum*. The Rock Roses offer such a beautiful range of color in the soft pastel shades, this one of creamy loveliness, suspended like delicate wild roses on the tips of prostrate shrubby branches. Foliage distinctly shrubby in character; habit luxuriant. Its season of bloom is spring. 6 inches. Price, 35c each; dozen \$3.75.

**HELIANTHUS** *decapetalus multiflorus*. The flowers of this Hardy Sunflower are deep golden yellow and very attractive. 6 to 8 ft. June to Sept. 35 cts. each; 85 cts. for 3.



GEUM, MRS. BRADSHAW

**\*HEUCHERA** (Alumroot). During recent years this family has attracted the attention of hybridists, and the many new and beautiful varieties that are now obtainable cause it to stand out as one of the most important for border decoration.

**Sanguinea.** Graceful spikes of dazzling crimson flowers in greatest profusion. 1½ ft. \$1.50 per 3; \$5.50 per doz.

**Sanguinea Alba.** Similar to preceding with white flowers.

**Sanguinea Flambeau.** Very striking, crimson flowers. 1½-2 ft. June-August. Each 35c; doz. \$3.50.

**HOLLYHOCK** (*Althea Rosea*). One of the best known of all hardy plants and a necessity in every old fashioned garden, where a place in the background should be assigned to it either in solid lines or frequent groups. My strain is indeed very wonderful, the flowers being extremely large, double and unique in color. 6 to 8 ft. July-September.

**Duckham's Improved Strain** in following colors:

**All Double:** Rich Crimson, Bright Rose, White, Scarlet and Salmon Rose. Each 35c; doz. \$3.75.

**\*HYPERICUM** *repens* (St. John's Wort). Another welcome guest of mid summer with large 2 inch golden blossoms with a perfect puff of yellow stamens. Completely prostrate little shrub with coppery stems and fine green foliage. Price, each 50c; dozen \$5.00.

Worcester, Mass., April 22, 1929.

"I am very much pleased with the plants of 'Duckham's Delphiniums' which you sent me."





*How Can One Resist a Garden of Irises Like This*

**IRISES (Fleur-de-Lis).** Irises are to be found even in the humblest garden, often without a sole companion. All are lovely and everybody loves them. They are easily grown and increase very rapidly. The colors cover almost every imaginable shade from white to violet, and the markings and veinings in the petals are truly exquisite. They like a well drained soil and plenty of sunlight, and when massed on the edge of the border or near the brinks of ponds or streams the effect is remarkable. I offer them in 5 separate shades assorted from the better named varieties.

Light Blue and Lavender, Deep Blue and Violet, Bronze shades, Yellow shades, White and light shades. Price, 3 for 65c; dozen, \$2.50; 100, \$15.00.

**\*cristata.** So completely dwarf is this little iris, native of our Carolinas, that it resembled some quaint little orchid of delicate lavender. At home in full sun, or semi shade, as an accent point near a pool. 6 inches. May-June. Each 35c; dozen \$3.75.

**LIATRIS Pycnostachya.** The popular name of this plant is Kansas Gay Feather. A plant of most unusual appearance; it is beautiful as well as odd. It blooms in midsummer and throws up long, narrow spikes of rich purple flowers, which last a long time. Each 35c; doz. \$3.50.

**Scariosa.** Spikes about 3 to 5 feet in height, of a good clear purple. Flowers before Pycnostachya and is the most desirable. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.40; doz. \$5.00.

**LYCHNIS Chalcedonica.** (Jerusalem Cross.) This is a very desirable perennial to plant in liberal masses. Because of its extreme brilliancy, there are few other flowers that can so effectively produce those bright spots in a border, that contrast so wonderfully with blues, whites and dark reds. It has a long flowering period and is ideal for cutting. The flowers are fiery scarlet, borne in immense clusters, each flower forming a distinct Maltese cross. Excellent for massing in borders and beds. 2 to 3 ft. June to August.

**Chalcedonica alba.** A white form of the preceding.

Either of above, 35c each; \$3.75 per dozen.

Mitchell, Ind.

"I wish to advise you that the lovely delphinium plants sent to me arrived in excellent condition."



★**LINARIA alpina.** An exciting wee snapdragon in purple with an orange blotch in the throat, on trailing flax-like stems of blue green. 2 to 4 inches. Continuous-blooming. Each 35c; dozen \$3.75.

**LINUM Perenne.** Very attractive, both in foliage and bloom. Flowers beautiful pale blue on slender, graceful stems. Each 25c; dozen \$2.50.

## LUPINUS POLYPHYLLUS

(Hardy Lupine)

### A New Range of Colors

I believe that those who love this valuable flower will be delighted with the new shades that are included in my hybrids. The spikes, too, are much larger than found in ordinary *Lupinus Polyphyllus*; bloom all summer. 3 to 4 ft. June-September.

Mixed Hybrids: Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00; dozen \$7.50.

★**MYOSOTIS** (Forget-me-not).

**Alpestris, Royal Blue.** The dainty Forget-me-not loves a cool moist soil, and like the pansy, blooms most freely in early spring, and quickly establishes itself by self-seeding. Royal Blue is a rich deep blue of remarkable free-flowering habit. 6 to 12 inches. May. Each 25c; 3 for 65c; dozen \$2.50.

**OENOTHERA Fraseri.** (Evening Primrose.) This is a hardy perennial border plant of value, which grows to about 18 inches in height, and gives an abundance of beautiful yellow flowers. Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

★**NIEREMBERGIA rivularis.** Large cream cups snuggled against sturdy clumps of green. One of the loveliest of summer and fall blooming alpine. 2 to 3 inches. Each 35c; dozen \$3.75.

★**PAPAVER alpinum** (Alpine Poppy). Medallions of grey lace from which emerge on six inch stems the most exquisite of poppies in a rich range of pastel colors. May to September. Each 35c; dozen \$3.75.



*Lupinus (Lupine)*

**PAPAVER Orientale** (Oriental Poppy).

The old oriental poppy is a well-known favorite and has no equal for brilliancy of color. Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00; dozen \$7.50.

**Nudicaule** (Iceland Poppy). A beautiful class of hardy Poppies, bearing cup-shaped flowers, ranging in color from pure white to yellow and orange-scarlet, on long stems. 1 foot. May-Aug. Sunbeam Mixed, each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

Sunbeam Mixed, each 25c; doz. \$2.50.

**PANSY** (Heartsease). My strain of Pansies is well known, for I have taken no end of pains to develop it by careful "rogueing" each year, to eliminate everything that does not conform to my idea of Pansy perfection both in form, size and color. Visitors at my trial grounds proclaim it the best they have seen. 6 in. April-October.

Light Blue  
Purple  
Bright Blue  
"Fire King"  
Yellow-Golden Bedding  
Dark Blue

Any of above, 100 \$10.00; doz. \$1.50

Pawling, N. Y.

"My order of delphiniums and columbines reached me two days ago. The plants are so beautiful and were in such perfect condition in spite of the terrific heat that I felt I must tell you of my appreciation."

*Phlox*

★**PACHYSANDRA terminalis** (Mountain Spurge). A dwarf evergreen with dark green, glossy leaves forming a dense carpet. Excellent for growing under trees where grass or other surface cover will not grow. Dozen \$2.50; 100, \$18.00.

**PENTSTEMON, barbatus** "Coral Gem." A fine border plant with orange-scarlet flowers. Blooms all summer. July. Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**PHYSOSTEGIA virginiana** (False-dragonhead). Erect spikes densely covered with soft pink flowers. 3-4 ft. July-August. Each 25c; doz. \$2.50.

**Virginica Vivid.** Blooms three weeks later than the others and the flowers are a deeper color pink; much larger and better, lasting a long time when cut. Each \$1.25; 3 for \$3.00.

**PHYSALIS Francheti** (Chinese Lantern). Bears enormous orange-scarlet fruits enclosed in balloon-shaped bag, valuable for Winter decoration. 2 ft. May-June. Each 35c; doz. \$3.50.

**PHLOX** (Perennial Phlox). Perennial Phlox succeed in almost any soil enriched with manure in Spring, and in hot weather an occasional soaking of water. If the first spikes of bloom are removed as soon as over, they will produce a second supply of flowers, continuing the display until late in Autumn. These later blooms are often finer than the first.

**DECUSSATA.** Tall, Large Flowering. Thor. Deep Salmon Pink.

Mia Ruys. White.

Elizabeth Campbell. Salmon-red.

Jeanne d'Arc. Fine Pure White.

Jules Sandeau. Pink.

Each 35c; Dozen \$3.50.

**Suffruticosa** Miss Lingard. A charming snowy white variety, bearing immense heads of bloom earlier than the Decussata sorts. Dozen \$3.50.

★**Subulata** (Moss Pink). Dwarf trailing plants with evergreen, moss-like foliage covered in April-May with a multitude of flowers.

Alba. White. Dozen \$2.00.

Rosea. Rose. Dozen \$2.00.

*Papaver Orientale* (Page 17)

Williamsport, Pa.

"I just cut a perfectly wonderful spike of *Delphinium* from one of the plants I had from you last fall."

★**PRIMULA auricula.** One cannot say too much for this treasure of the alpine primroses. Rosettes of simple leaves with heads of large sweet-scented flowers in the richest of colors, golden yellow, warm purples and maroon. Given a fibrous loam with good drainage there is no lovelier sight in spring. 6 in. Each 50c; doz. \$5.00.

★**Polyanthus, Gold-laced (Primrose).** Forms a beautiful rosette of large leaves, and bears clusters of ruffled flowers of fine form and rich colors, all laced handsomely with gold. 6 to 8 in. May-June. Each 25c; doz. \$2.50.

**RUDBECKIA Purpurea (Cone Flower).** Also called *Echinacea Purpurea*. Peculiar reddish purple flowers with a very large brown, cone-shaped center. Thrives in ordinary garden soil. 3 ft. July-Oct. Each 35c; 3 for 85c; doz. \$3.50.

**SALVIA Azurea.** This beautiful *Salvia* is worthy of a prominent position in every herbaceous border. Al-



*Primula (Polyanthus)*



*Scabiosa*

though it is of tender constitution, it will withstand the severe winters prevalent in the Eastern States, Color, a delightful shade of pale blue. 3 ft. July-Oct. Each 40c; doz. \$3.75.

**pitcheri.** Large, deep blue flowers. 3 to 4 ft. Aug.-Sept. Each 40c; doz. \$3.75.

**SCABIOSA (Blue Bonnet, Pincushion Flower).** Duckham's New Hybrids. A decided improvement on the old *Scabiosa* both in form and color, all lavender and blue, somewhat of the shade of that extremely popular annual *Didiscus coerulea* (Blue lace flower); all those who are familiar with the latter will surely want my new *Scabiosa*. The assortment also contains a liberal proportion of rich blue and white shades. 3 ft. June-Sept. Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00; per dozen, \$7.50.

Huron, Ohio,

"The Delphiniums that you sent me arrived Saturday. They were in fine shape and I hope next year to have some fine blooms."





STOKESIA

**\*SEDUM album** (Stone crop). In the long line of stonecrops there are many different types. These are, among the dwarf types, outstanding for their interesting foliage effects. *S. album* adds to its delightful carpeting, an abundance of snowy white flowers in mid season. 1 to 2 inches. Each 35c; doz. \$3.75.

**Spectabile.** A very valuable hardy plant and deserves liberal planting along the edges of Hardy Borders. It has thick succulent green leaves surmounted by huge flowering heads of thickly-clustered minute pink flowers. 18 in. Aug.-Oct. Each 35c; doz. \$3.75.

**STATICE Latifolia.** (Sea Lavender.) Plants with prostrate leathery leaves and immense candelabra-like heads. Very valuable either for the border or rockery. Minute purplish blue flowers in large sprays frequently 2 feet across. If cut and dried, lasts in perfect condition for months. 18 in. July-Aug. Each 35c; 3 for 85c.

**STOKESIA** (Cornflower Aster; Stokes' Aster). A most charming and beautiful native hardy plant which, for many seasons, has been the most admired flower on my grounds. The plants grow from 18 to 24 inches high, bearing freely from early June until late in October, its handsome lavender-blue centaurea-like blossoms, which measure from 4 to 5 inches across. It is of the easiest culture, succeeding in any open, sunny position; desirable as a single plant in the hardy border and effective in masses or beds of any size.

**Cyanea coerulea.** Beautiful light blue.

**Cyanea coerulea alba.** White-flowered form of the above. 1 to 1½ ft.

Either of above, each 25c; dozen \$2.50.

**SWEET WILLIAM** (*Dianthus barbatus*). An old-fashioned hardy perennial which should not be left out of the list of beautifully colored, sweet-scented, old-fashioned flowers. **Scarlet Beauty**—Brilliant Scarlet; **Holborn Glory**—Red; **Pink Beauty**—Pink.

Price, Any of the above, each 30c; 3 for 65c; doz. \$2.50.

**TRITOMA** (Flame Flower). **Duckham's New Hybrids.** A wonderful new race in a splendid range of vivid as well as delicate pastel shades. Not the stiff, top-heavy form of the old "Red Hot Poker"—but a long-stemmed, graceful, light flower spike that adapts itself to all decorative schemes. Colors are yellow, orange, buff, scarlet and crimson, salmon. Blooms from June-August. Offered only in the mixed shades. 3 for \$2.00; dozen \$7.50; 100, \$50.

**\*VERONICA Spicata.** An elegant border plant, growing about 1½ feet high, producing long spikes of bright blue flowers in June and July. Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**Incana (candida).** 1 foot, July and August. A white, woolly plant; flowers numerous; blue. Has good appearance, both in and out of bloom. Useful in rockery or border. Each 35c; dozen \$3.50.

**subsessilis.** One of the most attractive of all blue flowering plants. Flowers intense deep blue, borne on stout, erect stems. 2 to 2½ ft. July. Each 35c; doz. \$3.50.



★**VIOLA** (Tufted or Bedding Pansies).

These splendid little hardy plants are much prized for their quaint little flowers, peculiarly striped, each self-color having a delightful charm of its own. They increase rapidly, and soon form large colonies covered with their dainty blooms.

★—**Cornuta, Lavender.**

★—**Cornuta, Deep Violet.**

★—**Cornuta, Blue Perfection.**

★—**Cornuta, Jersey Gem.** A specially selected beautiful violet-blue variety which blooms unceasingly all season. A rare and choice sort. Price, each 35c; doz. \$3.75.

★—**Cornuta "Apricot Queen."** Here we have a true cornuta type in the beloved Viola, with a most unusual color. Continuous bloomer with a real credit mark for its complete dependability. Each 35c; doz. \$3.75.

**Price, any of above Violas, except where noted, 35c each; 6 for \$2.00; \$3.50 per dozen.**



*Hardy Viola (Tufted Pansy)*

## DUCKHAM'S READY-MADE PERENNIAL BORDER FOR \$15.

Because of their infinite variety and the great variation in the usefulness and season of blooming, many otherwise competent gardeners and flower-lovers are bewildered when they come to select the proper perennials for their garden.

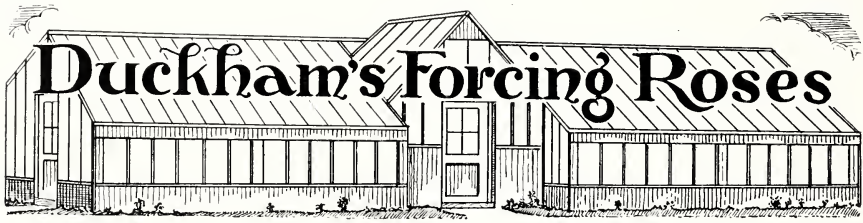
To enable them to obtain the best effects, as well as to relieve very busy people from the task of making selections, I will make up a group of 50 Hardy Perennials of the finest types, in lots of 5 of each kind, enough for an adequate representation of each variety and to make a splendid little garden.

From such a charming little garden as this can be cut splendid flowers for house or table decoration from June until late autumn, and the best of it is that it will require very little attention aside from occasional cultivation and weeding. The plants will increase in size and strength each year and may eventually be divided and so extend the supply.

These 50 plants, 5 of each kind, all properly labeled, so that the descriptions of them may be located in this catalogue, will be sent for..... **\$15**

*Tarrytown, N. Y., April 5, 1929.*

*"Thank you for the rose bushes received. They look like nice bushes and came just in time to plant before we had a shower."*



Of the many hundreds of varieties that from time to time have been recommended for growing under glass, by growers in various parts of the States, many of them have proved unsatisfactory for several reasons, mainly, the different climatic conditions prevailing in widely separated points.

Some roses that succeed well in one locality will not do so well in others, consequently, the number of varieties that force well, **under all conditions**, are comparatively few—and the following are about the best of them.

The plants I offer are strong, well-rooted, grafted or budded on Manetti, the most satisfactory under-stocks for producing abundance of the bloom over a prolonged winter period.

**BRIARCLIFF.** Splendid, rich rose-pink without any other shadings; fine long pointed bud, opening to a beautifully modeled shell-like flower. Vigorous and prolific. 4-inch pot grown. Per 100 \$60.00.

**E. G. HILL.** Considered the finest of the red greenhouse roses. A dazzling combination of brilliant-scarlet and crimson shadings. Splendid, full buds and flowers on long, sturdy stems. Never fails to produce the flowers you expect in a good forcing rose. 4-inch pots. Per 100 \$90.00.

**FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.** Extremely double flowers of a brilliant crimson shade; fragrant and prolific grower. 4-inch pot plants. 100 \$60.00.

**JOHANNA HILL.** This is the gem of the yellow forcing roses. Clear yellow buds and blooms with orange-yellow center—and a color that lasts. More prolific than "Pernet." 4-inch pot plants. 100 \$90.00.

**MADAM BUTTERFLY.** A well-known favorite and always dependable. Large blooms of rich pink, apricot and gold. 4-inch pot plants. 100 \$60.00.

**PREMIER SUPREME.** The glorified "Premier." Very full buds with high crowned blooms of rich deep rose pink. Healthy and vigorous. 4-inch pot plants. 100 \$60.00.

**PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER.** The New "Wonder Rose" par excellence—a perfect grower, producer and bloomer. Color is a dazzling combination of cerise, flame and orange scarlet, and as fragrant as a freesia. A gold medal winner and fully deserving of it. 4-inch pot plants. Per 100 \$90.00.

**SOUV. de CLAUDIUS PERNET.** Its rich yellow color and splendid buds and blooms maintain for this rose its well-deserved popularity for forcing. 4-inch pot plants. 100 \$90.00.

**TALISMAN.** High pointed bloom of glowing golden yellow with interior of copper and orange-rose. A marvellous color and splendid constitution. 4-inch pot plants. 100 \$90.00.

**TEMPLAR.** Clear rich deep red, brightened with a glow of scarlet. Its rich fragrance and abundance of bloom add to its popularity as a "winter forcer." 4-inch pot plants. Per 100 \$60.00.

Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., June 30, 1930.

"I received some of your Delphiniums, having placed my order at the Flower Show. They have certainly proven 'a thing of beauty'—and I want more of them."

# SELECTED EVERBLOOMING ROSES

**ABBREVIATIONS:** T., Tea; HT., Hybrid Tea; H.P., Hybrid Perpetual.

"My Field Rose Plants" are American-grown, well ripened, 2-year-old bushes, worked on the Multiflora stock, known for its thorough hardiness and its ravenous feeding propensities, whereby it produces vigorous, well-branched bushes and enormous flowers.

## New and Recent Introductions

**Novelties:** These are sold at the each rate, in any quantity ordered.

**CHARLES P. KILHAM.** A splendid novelty that combined the desirable qualities of "bedding" and "cutting." A rose of the "Herriot" type with large double flowers of blazing orange scarlet and orange with fiery red center. A rose you will be glad to grow. **Each \$1.50.**

**EDITH NELLIE PERKINS** (Alex. Dickson & Sons, 1928). A new combination of colors, cream and blush as a bud, when the guard petals open they disclose a perfect pointed flower of rich carmine pink. The inside of petals is flesh with a golden suffusion, running to pure gold at the base; a very striking bloom. The flowers come singly on long canes on a very vigorous plant. Spicy fragrance. **Each \$1.00.**

**E. G. HILL.** Considered the finest of the red greenhouse roses. A dazzling combination of brilliant-scarlet and crimson shadings. Splendid, full buds and flowers on long sturdy stems. Never fails to produce the flowers you expect in a good forcing rose. **Each \$1.50.**

**LADY MARGARET STEWART.** A Rose of unique color; the flowers in the young stage are a deep sunflower yellow heavily veined, splashed with orange-scarlet, reverse of the petals deeply suffused with carmine; as the flowers develop these colors intermingle, forming a beauti-



*New Rose, President Hoover*

ful cadmium orange effect. The bud is long and pointed, opening to a full double flower, of pleasing decorative form of delightfully sweet scent. **Each \$1.00.**

**PRESIDENT HOOVER** (L. B. Coddington, 1930). A glorious Rose, wonderfully free in the easy manner in which it grows and charming in its color arrangement, which is a splendid combination of cerise-pink, flame, scarlet and yellow. This combination of colors gives the most dazzling color effect imaginable. The buds are beautifully pointed, the flowers large, composed of broad, thick, heavy petals, with an exquisite fragrance. It is exceptionally free flowering and everyone will be delighted with its habit of growth. Awarded the Gold Medal at the International Flower Show in New York, 1929. **Each \$1.50.**

*Trenton, N. J., June 23, 1930.*

*"The Delphiniums we received last fall are perfectly beautiful this summer, and we are enjoying every bloom immensely. Every plant lived through the winter."*



## NEW and RECENT INTRODUCTIONS—Continued

**JOHANNA HILL (New).** This is the gem of the yellow garden roses. Clear yellow buds and blooms with orange-yellow center—and a color that lasts. More prolific than "Pernet." Each \$1.50.

**TALISMAN (Montgomery Co., 1929).** The Rose which created a sensation in all shows during 1928 and 1929 and which was awarded more Gold Medals than any other American Rose yet introduced, including the President Coolidge Medal in 1928. It is a most remarkable piece of coloring; a combination of shadings of gold, apricot, yellow, deep pink and old rose. The bud is long, well formed and develops into full, double flowers. The plant is a strong grower, with glossy green foliage and free flowering, and the past season has demonstrated its value as a bedding Rose. Each \$1.50.

## GENERAL LIST OF

*Everblooming Roses*

**PRICES:** All Roses in the following list, unless otherwise noted, are \$1.00 each; \$10.00 a dozen; \$75.00 per hundred.

**BETTY. HT.** I think this Rose has the loveliest buds of any variety I have ever seen. They are long, tapering, with exquisitely curled petals, tinted with soft shades of pinkish buff and copper. The open flower is very large and fluffy, almost creamy white, sprinkled over with a sheen of pale gold.

**BRIARCLIFF. HT.** Splendid, rich rose-pink without any other shadings; fine long pointed bud, opening to a beautifully modeled shell-like flower. Vigorous and prolific.

**DAME EDITH HELEN. HT.** Perfect buds developing into wonderful flowers of immense size, produced singly on well-foliaged strong canes freely throughout the season. The flowers are composed of very substantial broad petals which curl back prettily, forming a glorious long-pointed bud and a full double flower which is beautiful in every stage of development. Color, a brilliant yet soft Rose du Barri pink; strongly sweet-scented. Each \$1.50.

**DUCHESS OF WELLINGTON. HT.** For a long time I regarded this as

the best yellow Rose in the world. First place must now be given to Souvenir de Claudius Pernet, but the old Duchess still has prettier buds and larger flowers. It grows well, too, after it is once established, and is far too valuable to discard for many years.

**ETOILE DE HOLLANDE. HT.** Brilliant red blooms of magnificent size, perfect in half-open state, showing clean, attractive centers when fully open; petals enormous; very fragrant. Plants branching, particularly free-flowering and healthy. A splendid Rose with no serious faults. Color holds remarkably well, becoming lighter instead of "blueing." Toward fall, the flowers are larger, fuller, and darker red.

**EDITH NELLIE PERKINS.** A striking new variety. Orange-pink buds with salmon and gold underglow, make this a distinctly charming rose. Add to its color its vigorous habit and delicious fragrance and you have an ideal garden rose. Each \$1.25.

*Hollis, New York, July 27, 1930.*

*"My rose bushes ordered from you this spring have borne a profusion of flowers."*

## HARDY EVERBLOOMING ROSES—Continued

**FRANCIS SCOTT KEY. HT.** A wonderful color, a perfect bloom; a real garden rose. The color is a rich brilliant scarlet; the blooms are large and produced in uninterrupted succession throughout the summer and fall. Deliciously perfumed.

**GENERAL MacARTHUR. HT.** Bright crimson buds, developing into moderately large, bright crimson-scarlet flowers; of fine form and delightful fragrance. An upright grower, branched, and produces its flowers freely through summer and fall. Its color is more brilliant and lasting in a cool situation and as summer wanes. Fine for cutting.

**GEORGE C. WAUD. A** most distinct rose because of its wonderful coloring, which is radically different from that of any other variety. The large blooms are glowing orange-vermilion, full globular, perfect in shape, and possess a very sweet odor. Fine in autumn.

**H. V. MACHIN. HT.** A sturdy, stocky bush, with flowers borne on the top of rigid stems in the manner of the best Hybrid Perpetuals. The blooms are large, well formed, and glowing scarlet-red.

**HENRY FORD. HT.** Medium-sized buds and flowers of very lasting yellow, edged in the early stages with salmon-orange, becoming lemon-yellow as they open. They are slightly fragrant and borne in sprays and clusters of great decorative value. The plant is bushy and rather tall, blooming constantly in great abundance. Each \$1.25.

**JULIEN POTIN (Golden Pernet). HT.** This is one of Mr. Pernet's latest achievements, which will probably become better known as "The Golden Pernet." It is unquestionably the most gorgeous and brilliant yellow Rose yet introduced, a rich golden



Henry Ford

yellow that grows richer and deeper as the flowers mature. The buds are long and shapely, and develop into large, full flowers of beautiful form; delightfully sweet-scented. Each \$1.25.

**LADY ASHTOWN. HT.** Not just another pink Rose, but decidedly a pink Rose with a great deal of character. The petals are definitely reflexed and pointed and the center rises in the way of the best exhibition bloom. With its handsome flowers, good growth, and excellent blooming qualities, it stands high in the ranks of dependable Roses.

**LADY MARGARET STEWART.** Copery buds, opening into rich golden yellow flowers. A real rival to Rev. Page Roberts and preferred by many connoisseurs.

Haines Landing, Maine, July 16, 1930.

"The Delphiniums you sent me this spring are in bloom and they are beautiful, especially for young plants—florets are two inches across."

## HARDY EVERBLOOMING ROSES—Continued

**LOS ANGELES. HT.** Color, form and fragrance are the notable virtues of this Rose. It has a flaming golden pink tint unequaled by any other, and an exquisite shape and perfume that are difficult to match.

**MME. CAROLINE TESTOUT. HT.** Clear, glistening, satiny-rose, lighter towards the edges. A strong grower and perant golden suffusion in the high-pointed center, giving a distinct coppery red effect. Strong, bushy, and healthy, with good stems and a most unusual color.

**MME. EDOUARD HERRIOT. HT.** Few flowers of any kind can equal the gorgeous color of this Rose. The buds are burning red and copper, and the open flowers brilliant orange-pink, with an immense golden center. Of the Roses in this new color,

few have ever approached this variety in dependability and beauty of flower. I think it is one of the very best of its type.

**MME. JULES BOUCHE.** One of the proven best of white roses. Erect, bushy plants with abundance of snow-white flowers, just a suspicion of pink in the center. You will like this rose for its color and dependability.

**MISS LOLITA ARMOUR. HT.** If you can imagine a combination of copper and cream, with only the slightest trace of yellow, the tints of this Rose may be realized. The flowers are very double, globular and nod on the tips of long, slender stems.

**MRS. AARON WARD. HT.** Everybody likes this little flower, which nestles on such a vigorous little bush. The buds are golden buff and fawn, opening to very double flowers of palest pink and white, suffused with yellow and cream. The foliage is like holly.

**MRS. A. R. BARRACLOUGH.** A most distinct and valuable Rose, of a bright but soft sparkling carmine-pink of even tone that passes to yellow at the base of the petals; this attractive color does not fade as the flower ages, but, if anything, becomes richer and brighter. The bud is long, pointed, and develops into a full double flower of model form and substance; very fragrant. Each \$1.25.

**MRS. HENRY BOWLES.** One of the best bedding varieties grown, always in flower and perfect in every stage of development. In color it is of an intense brilliant pink, with lighter salmon pink shadings. A model Rose in every way.



*Lady Ashtown*



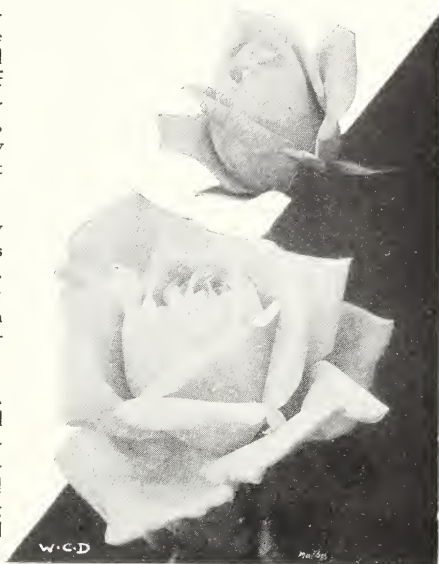
## HARDY EVERBLOOMING ROSES—Continued

**RADIANCE. HT.** Of all Roses, probably this is the most popular in the country. The flowers are round and cuplike, sometimes with a sort of balloon center, and of bright, shining pink contrasted with a lighter, silvery sheen. The plant is very strong and blooms with the utmost freedom.

**RED RADIANCE. HT.** A sort very familiar to Radiance in all respects except its splendid, light red color. The two belong together in big masses where they will furnish bright color and good flowers for cutting all summer long.

**REV. F. PAGE-ROBERTS. HT.** A magnificent Rose which has created a sensation everywhere. The flowers are gigantic, glowing golden yellow, with a coppery red sheen spread over the outside of the petals, giving them an indescribably rich and sumptuous effect.

**SOUVENIR DE CLAUDIUS PERNET.** A splendid variety, with exquisite golden yellow buds and fine open flowers. The foliage is healthy, and it blooms very freely. A bed of it is a splendid sight.



*Souv. de Claudius Pernet*

Any Rose not mentioned in preceding list can be supplied to order at present prevailing price.

## Special Offer of Best Twelve Hardy Garden Roses

(For descriptions see preceding Lists)

To give Rose lovers an opportunity of having the finest roses in their gardens, I have selected the following as what I consider the 12 finest Roses in America today. All hardy, ever-blooming 2-year field-grown stock, grafted on the famous **Multiflora Briar**.

Briarcliff  
Mrs. A. R. Barraclough  
Mme. Butterfly  
Souv. de Claudius Pernet  
Mme. Jules Bouche  
Talisman

Mme. Caroline Testout  
Mrs. Aaron Ward  
Radiance  
Red Radiance  
Duchess of Wellington  
Mme. Ed. Herriot

**Price** The above twelve fine Roses, carefully labeled and packed sent *prepaid* **\$10** within 200 miles of Madison, N. J., for

*Montclair, N. J.*

"I am indeed very glad to let you know that the roses which I purchased from you this spring are doing very well and are all in bud. The plants have grown larger than I have ever seen new plants at this time of year. The columbine which I purchased last autumn had beautiful blooms this month. I can heartily recommend the quality of your plants.

## STANDARD or TREE ROSES

The beautiful Standard Roses are made by budding the ordinary dwarf Roses on tall Rose-stems 3 feet or more above the ground, developing round, bushy heads which display their flowers at the level of the eyes where they are most effective.

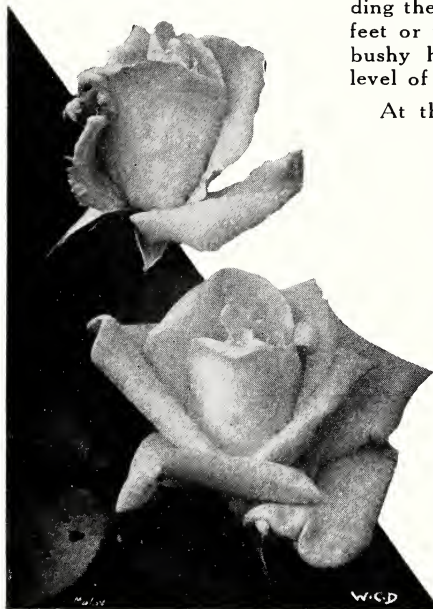
At the time of planting, a strong stake should be set to each plant and the stem tied firmly to it, especially at the top to prevent it from swaying and loosening itself in the ground. It is best to set the stake on the south side of the plant.

Plant them at salient points in the garden, in the centers of wide beds and along walks to give a formal avenue effect.

This season I can offer the following varieties:

**Betty, Gruss an Teplitz; Mme. Butterfly; Mrs. Aaron Ward; Radiance; Red Radiance; Souv. de Claudius Pernet.**

My plants are carefully grown on good straight stems. \$3.50 each; \$30 for 10.



*Radiance*

## POLYANTHA ROSES

The favored uses of these most valuable roses, are massing in beds, or in long rows or borders, where brilliant effect as a whole is desired. They bloom right through the season, simply covering themselves with their large trusses of flowers. Price: Selected Plants, 75c each; \$8.00 per dozen.

**CECILE BRUNNER.** Bright rose with yellowish center. A fine garden Rose. Fragrant.

**ECHO.** Delightful shade of delicate pink; flowers borne in large trusses; vigorous and free flowering.

**ELLEN POULSEN.** A deep rose pink with large flower heads; very striking bedding rose.

**GRUSS AN AACHEN.** Delicate flesh pink overlaid with yellow; a very popular bedder.

**IDEAL.** Very dark crimson-red; free flowering and disease proof.

**SUPERBA.** This is one of the richest colored Polyanthas, a brilliant carmine-red. Flowers abundantly over a long period.

**TRIOMPHE ORLEANAIS.** The bright cerise red, large flowers are borne in strong clusters. This is one of the most popular of all Polyanthas.

*Cincinnati, Ohio.*

*"I wish to say that the three Delphinium plants you sent me are growing very nicely."*

# CLIMBING ROSES



Use them for covering or screening objectionable objects. Use them for decorative arches, or to cover summer-houses or garden seats. Use them on a trellis at the porch or trained about an entry or a window. Let them clamber along a fence or twine about a pergola, or even make a hedge of them by tying in and clipping back the branches.

Anyone with a square yard of ground at his disposal can have one splendid Climbing Rose upon it; and it is doubtful if he could put the ground to any better use.

Price, \$1 each; \$10 per dozen; \$75 per 100 (except where specially priced)

**AMERICAN PILLAR.** Unlimited in its vigor, this splendid climber will ascend to 20 feet or more, throw out long stems with enormous sprays of hundreds of large, single, brilliant pink flowers, lit in the centers with large white eyes and great clusters of golden stamens.

## CHAPLIN'S PINK RAMBLER (New)

A very striking pink, maintaining its color to the last. Produces large trusses of medium-sized flowers which last a long time.  
**\$2.50 each.**

**DOROTHY PERKINS.** One of the first of the modern Climbing Roses, famous and beautiful old Dorothy is still among the best. Very vigorous in growth, with lovely waxy foliage and great clusters of frilly, shell-pink flowers, tiny but exquisitely shaped, it has a place in the affections of every flower-lover that nothing else can fill. Unequaled for covering arches, trellises, and summer-houses, and useful wherever a rapid-growing screen or cover is needed.

Baltimore, Md., October 6, 1930.

*"The two dozen delphiniums recently purchased were received in good condition, and well pleased with same."*



## CLIMBING ROSES—Cont'd

**EMILY GRAY.** This is the long-wanted, golden yellow Climbing Rose, with large, beautifully formed flowers and handsome, shining foliage. It is a wonderful and almost unbelievable sight when in full bloom, and people invariably go into ecstasies over it. Unfortunately, it requires winter protection in cold climates, but if it is grown as a pillar it can be easily wrapped with burlap or covered with a few boughs to shelter it through coldest seasons.

**EXCELSA.** When Crimson Rambler was so much over-planted that it became a nuisance, Excelsa stepped in to replace it with giant clusters of less harshly colored flowers and a more pliant and more adaptable manner of growth. It is easily the best red Climbing Rose of the cluster-flowered type and is strongly recommended.

**GARDENIA.** Belonging to a group of climbers with larger flowers than any of the foregoing, and of a soft, dainty yellow color in bud and early opened flower, Gardenia has long held first place among the yellow Climbing Roses. It is very vigorous and its foliage is particularly fine.

**PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER.** Not so vigorous as the other climbers, this striking Rose is ideal for growing as a pillar over which it will hang its clusters of large, well-formed shining scarlet flowers in greatest profusion. One of the most spectacular of Roses, it is becoming widely known and tremendously popular.

**MARY WALLACE.** Queen of the large-flowered, pink clusters, Mary Wallace is regarded as the best of its class. The blooms are very large, cup-like, glowing pink, with a golden undertone, and are borne in clusters at the ends of long stems.

**PRIMROSE.** A real hardy yellow climber. The flowers are a glowing shade of primrose yellow,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and borne in clusters from 2-5 on long stems. Dark glossy green foliage. **\$2.00 each.**

**SILVER MOON.** Tremendous vigor and splendid polished foliage characterize this Rose, even without the splendor of its tapering golden white buds and its magnificent, semi-double, saucer-like flowers of purest white, illuminated at the center with a giant frill of golden stamens.

## Planting and Pruning Roses

**Planting** To be successful in growing roses, next to securing good stock is the preparation of the soil. I would advise having the beds or ground where the roses are to be planted thoroughly prepared well in advance of planting time. The preparation of the soil is a simple operation by digging a foot or eighteen inches deep, thoroughly mixing in at the time of digging, plenty of well rotted manure. The addition of a little ground bone will be found beneficial. After the hole is dug, it is advisable to repeat the operation, for then you are sure that the manure is thoroughly mixed with the soil. Immediately upon receipt of your rose plants unpack them in a cool and shady place, sprinkling them with water. If your beds have previously been prepared the sooner the roses are planted in their permanent positions the better. If, however, this has not already been done it is advisable to "heel in" the rose bushes temporarily until they can be placed in their permanent positions. In planting, care should be exercised to make the hole larger than the root-diameter. Fill in with rather fine soil about the roots, using great care to make the soil very firm about them.

*North Pelham, N. Y., April 22, 1930.*

*"The roses were received in excellent condition."*

### PLANTING and PRUNING ROSES—Continued

After planting, thoroughly soak the soil with water to the depth that it has been dug. Should the season be any way dry give thorough soakings at least once a week. After the roses are growing well a mulch consisting of straw-manure or decayed leaves over the ground prevents them from drying out too rapidly and keeps the soil in a much better and humid condition.

**Pruning** Next in importance to the selection of locality, and the careful preparation of the ground is the pruning of roses; in fact I consider pruning exceedingly important, because without it, you can never get vigorous growth and large blooms.

Visit the garden of any successful amateur rose grower during the latter end of February or early March and note the appearance of the bushes. If it should be a new planting of 2-year bushes the pruned stubs will be scarcely discernible peeping over the litter of manure covering the bed. Older bushes will have all the old wood cut away and the previous year's green growths cut back to within 2 or 3 eyes of the hard wood. Such an inspection will teach more than I can put in pages, and a few minutes' talk with the owner or gardener will indelibly impress upon your mind the object and importance of pruning. Most amateurs are afraid to use the knife or shears vigorously, and many of the fairer sex class an expert operator among criminals.

A conception of the principle of pruning may be gathered by comparing the sap in a rose shoot to a slowly moving river; it continues its tranquil course along the lines of least resistance. Cutting this shoot or damming the river creates an accumulation of energy at that point that eventually overflows with extraordinary force, bursting forth into as many shoots or rivulets as are necessary to carry off this surplus sap or water. Hence we get 3 or 4 vigorous growths, each carrying a flower on a long strong stem, from the sap that would otherwise have wasted its energy in nourishing one old worn out shoot. Pruning should be done in February or early March. Cut away all old wood (always particularly noticeable in the Rambler class), shorten all the young growths to from 2 to 3 eyes. Don't be as severe with those of vigorous constitution as those of more stunted growth. By careful observation and a little practice you will soon become an adept at getting the best out of your roses.

## Arranging and Planting the Hardy Flower Border

Every group or border of Perennial plants should be planted according to some prearranged scheme and with a definite object in view. A rough plan should always be made and the different varieties located in their proper places, keeping in mind the height and color of each. It is desirable to place hardy borders where a background of dwarf trees or shrubs aids in setting off the beauty of the flowering plants.

If such is not available, a vine covered fence or wall answers very well, though a special planting of dwarf evergreens and flowering shrubs is comparatively inexpensive, easily accomplished and will amply repay for the little extra trouble involved.

**Preparing the Ground.**—The ground should be spaded over to a depth of from eight to ten inches—if virgin soil, turn the sods under where they will rot and form a good fibrous loamy foundation for the border. Spread well-rotted manure over the bed after the first spading, and mix it thoroughly through the top 4 or 5 inches. Slaked lime is a valuable aid to the development of young roots on the growing plants and helps to purify the soil.

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Newport, R. I., Oct. 15, 1930.

"The delphiniums, etc., arrived in first-class condition and appear to be very strong and well rooted."

**Planting.**—A scoop trowel is the most practical tool to use. Lay the plants in their respective positions according to your prearranged plan—keep the taller growing varieties to the rear of the border, selecting varieties of lower stature as you proceed to the front. The distance apart depends upon the height.

Color and height must always be considered and careful thought given to contrasts and harmonious blending, thus avoiding later lifting and regrouping. Every perennial border should receive a light covering of dry litter, such as grass clippings, leaves, or strawy manure after the first severe frost has nipped everything down in the late Autumn. A light covering of rotten manure previously laid over and around the plants is also desirable; this can be turned under with a fork in the Spring.

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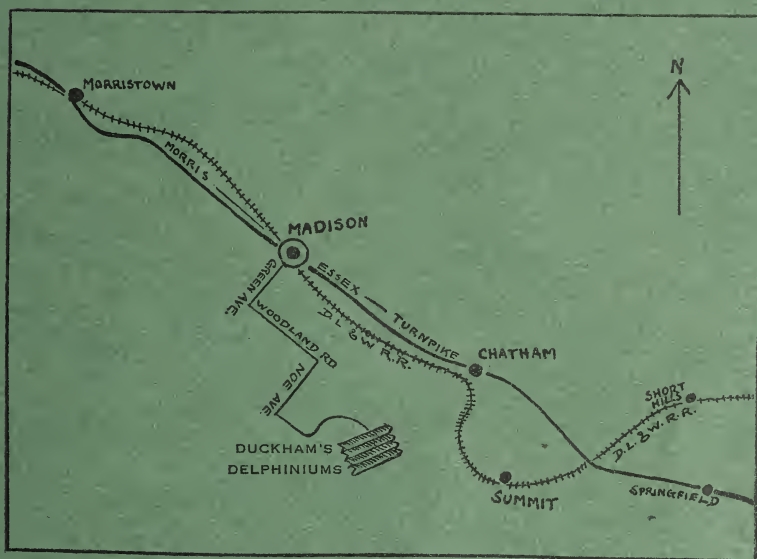
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